

# R E V I E W.

Tuesday, November 18. 1712.

**I**T seems some People, who yet call themselves *Whigs*, are ill pleas'd that I have told you so much of the Increase of Jacobitism among our People, and calls it, *a stunning you with the Noise of it*; but let them call it what they please, as long as they own it to be justly done, as the same Author does, in the same Breath, I am content with whatever Contempts are cast upon the Writer.

But he says, *I very unjustly charge the Cause of it upon the Whigs*: First of all he may observe, if he be inclin'd to do me any Justice, that I never said the *Whigs* were the *only Cause*; and as for that part which he has laid at their Door, the greatest Misfortune is, *that I can but too plainly prove it*; and if I could not have prov'd it beyond Contradiction, I would not have said it: If he has any respect to the *Whigs*, to the Cause he Writes for, he will cease rummaging in that Lay-stall, and not oblige me to lay open Things which had much better be forgotten; if he does not — he must own it is not my Fault.

In the next place, directing himself to me, he says, *would be more becoming a true Patriot, to propose the bringing over one of the Hanover Family, effectually to secure us against the Pretender*. *Flying-Post* Octob. 23. I wish that Gentleman would please to let us know, *first*, That this inviting over one of the *Hanover Family*, would effectually do it; *secondly*, How he would do it; *thirdly*, Who of them he would have invited; *fourthly*, In what Capacity they should live here; *fifthly*, How they would be treated here; and *lastly*, That this is the only effectual Way to secure us against the Pretender — And if he pleases to do this, I shall not fail all the Assistance that is my Duty, that he can demand of me, or any-body expect.

No-body would be willing than I, to forward any Thing that would secure us against the Pretender; but I think it is of no Service, to fill our Heads with Chimeras, and proposing impracticable Things to ourselves, *on purpose*, as seems most evident, that we may satisfy ourselves with continual Murmuring at their not being done.

However, that my Answer to the Thing may not come from myself, and so some People may not be

fond of Contradicting it, for that Reason, I shall give you a short History of the Turn which was given to this, under the late *Ministry*, and by their particular Management and Direction, and I hope no-body will say, the Reasons are not as good now, as they were then; or that the late Ministry were not as Zealous for the *Protestant Succession*, as any-body can be now.

Every body, who remembers any Thing of publick Affairs, remembers the Letter from Sir Rowland G——, the Lord Ha——am's Speech, and the rest of the Letters and Opinions at that Time, all of them being written, or spoken, upon the Subject of bringing some-body over from *Hanover*, &c. to reside here as a Security to the Succession, *the same Words the Flying-Post uses now*; for then, you must know, the common Vogue, even of the *Whigs*, was against the *Ministry*, that they would bring in the Pretender, *as it is now*; nay, a certain Speech in Parliament openly, tho' Infamously, tax'd my Lord G——, with Corresponding with *France*; well, my Lord Ha——am push'd this Project to the Extremity; either the *Whig Ministry* were for it, or they were against it — It is known they were not for it — And the Reasons given, were, among others, *That the Thing was Impracticable* — What I speak now, I speak of my own Knowledge, and will Name the Persons when you please; I am sure no honest Man will be asham'd of them; The Arguments were these, and tho' not Printed, I can tell you where they were used, where very few were made acquainted with them.

*The Person you propose to bring over, must be one of these three; the Princess Sophia, the Elector of Hanover, or the Electoral Prince.*

1. Would you bring over the Princess *Sophia*? Would you set the Princess's Four-score, (almost) against the Queen's five and forty? Would you bring a Princess, *on the wrong side of Severn*; over, to Survive the Queen? Was this *Rational*, or at best Mannerly? And what could be propos'd by it? But to affront the Queen, and banter the Princess *Sophia*? Nay, how could the Princess



Princes to take it, but as putting a Jest upon her? To bring over a Person, to whom, without any Affront, we might say, Madam, We bring you over, but the whole Nation prays you may never come to be Queen.

2. Well, the next is, his *Electoral Highness*, himself—And what can be said to him?—Do you think his Highness, who is a Sovereign Prince, the most Potent, and of the greatest Grandeur and Magnificence, *the King of Prussia only excepted*, of any in the Empire; do you think he will leave his Sovereignty, his Dignity, his Government, his Power, and his Character, *to come hither*? Where, *alas*, he can live no otherwise, than as a Subject: If you make him a Peer, he may, indeed, sit in *Parliament*, and be sworn of the Privy Council; but he can be but a Subject, and be made equal to his Inferiors; not to say the several odd Circumstances of a Subject, that he must stoop to here also.

3. The last then, is the *Electoral Prince*—And here, a nice Question was enquir'd into, which they may answer now that think fit; Have you ask'd his Father leave? Did he ever give his Consent the Prince should come over and reside here? And all Things consider'd, Is it likely he should give that Consent? I purposely omit what used to be said farther on that Head, in those Days.

There was another unhappy Question put, which I shall only name, *viz.* How would you behave your selves to him? How treat him, if you had him here? And what a Life do you think he must live, if he comes? That you might make it Rational to him to think of coming; I am sure if the Question were just then, it is much more so now.

There is another piece of Secret History remains, relating to this same Affair, which may also be necessary to be known; when, *after this some Years*, a Party (*Old Whigs*) fac'd against the late *Ministry*, as I have said elsewhere, and this was brought upon the Stage again, *viz.* To send over for a Branch of the House of *Hanover* to reside here, *to secure the Succession* still, against the *Old Ministry*, (*Modern Whig*), mark that also.

I need not repeat the invidious Reproaches which were given with this Advice, against the *Ministry*, (*Modern Whig*) by the Malecontents (*Old Whig*) at that Time; I need not tell you how near it went, and what Preparation was made, to get a Vote for it in the House of Commons; nor how cunningly it was evaded by that clever Motion brought in just in the nick of it, and contriv'd by a wise Head in the Management, *viz.* To Address the Queen to Marry, which knock'd it all on the Head.

I shall, I say, give you no Comment upon this Text, nor shall I expose Names, till ye push me farther to the Necessity of it; it is all *History*, and *Mat-*

*ter of Fact*—And I know it to be every part True—This then being the Opinion of the late *Ministry*, whose Principles I declare, I believe, were at that Time, to the *Hanover Succession*: Before Reason to alter my Thoughts of this Affair, I see some Reasons which make it more necessary, less intricate, than I did then; and this let any shew me, if he can.

I cannot but give my humble Thanks to the Gentleman, who, above all People, presses me to pose to the Government, the bringing over some the House of *Hanover* hither—My Answer is brief, *viz.* While the Government has so wise a rector as himself, they have no occasion for me; besides, Sir, I have had my share of directing Governments already; I doubt it may be allow'd to be of People's turn now.

As to the Succession—I neither regard the Peoples Schemes, or shall say a word in answer any Rallery: But this I will lay down as the before us—The Ministry alone are the Men can secure to us the *Protestant Succession*, and if not secured, it must be either their fault or our; but then it will follow, which I doubt you will like, That it is the Duty of all true *Protestants* endeavour to make it possible to the Ministry to do it, ay, and ease and safe also. First, That they be without excuse if they do it not. Secondly, That they may not really be prevented or intimidated from the doing of it. I know why I say this, and for those I speak to; and if any do not, I shall explain myself.

If there be any People among us, who say would not have the Ministry honour'd with being in the *Protestant Succession*, That they would have the Nation or the House of *Hannover* be beholden to them or accept of it at their hands; as I do, I could single you out a Thousand among my Acquaintance who are of that mind: I say, are Enemies to the Succession, and go on a violent and wretched Party-Error; let them be otherwise what Principles they will; for my part, like *Samuel's true Mother of the Child*, give us but the *SUCCESSION*, let who will be the Instrument; if the present Ministry will heartily joyn to it in the *Hanover Succession*, God forbid, any honest Man should refuse to joyn with them to do it.

If the Ministry joyn in with the *Hanover* Interest there's no possible hazard of the Succession; there's no need of exposing the Princes of that illustrious House, to the Insults of Factions and Parties, in which they would be sure to meet with: If the Ministry do not joyn in with it, neither will I bring them to agree to the other—If they do for the *SUCCESSION*, there is no need to bring Body over; and if they are not, they will not consent to it; so that either way the Proposal is absurd, and the Thing itself impracticable.